

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A connection assembly for connection to the mouth of a flexible container, the connection assembly comprising:

an inner ring having an inner flange around its external diameter;

an outer ring having a recess around its inner diameter sized to engage the inner flange; and

the inner and outer rings being adapted to interengage to trap the mouth between the inner and outer rings.

2. (Original) A connection assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner ring is adapted to snap fit into engagement with the outer ring.

3. (Currently Amended) A connection assembly as claimed in claim 1 ~~either of claims 1 or 2~~, wherein the outer ring has an outer flange around its external diameter, the connection assembly further comprising a sealing ring sized to abut the inner and outer flange.

4. (Original) A connection assembly as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a clamping ring for clamping the outer ring and sealing ring together.

5. (Original) A connection assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein the clamping ring has at least two parts hinged for relative movement, and a clamping mechanism for clamping the at least two parts together.

6. (Currently Amended) A connection assembly as claimed in claim 3 ~~any one of claims 3 to 5~~, wherein the inner ring has a guiding recess on its inner diameter adapted to abut the guiding projection on the sealing ring so as to accurately position inner ring and sealing ring.

7. (Currently Amended) A connection assembly as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, further comprising an O ring positioned between the inner flange and the recess.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Connection~~ A connection assembly as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 3, further comprising a lip on the outer flange.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Connection~~ A connection assembly as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim, further comprising a membrane at least over ~~[[the]]~~ an aperture of the inner ring.

10. (Currently Amended) A flexible container having a connection assembly as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, wherein an opening of the container is

delimited by the internal diameter of the inner ring, and ~~[[the]]~~ a material of the container is folded over the inner ring such that it is trapped between the recess and the inner flange.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled).